

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that: My residence, post-office address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name,

I believe that I am an original, first, and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

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the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 USC 119 of any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application

Country	Number	Filing Date	Priority claimed
Germany	10259598.4	19 December 2002	Yes

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